Rhus radicans Annin & Smith Sc.

RHUS RADICANS.

Poison Ivy.

PLATE XLII.

LIKE the Rhus vernix, described in our first volume, this plant is regarded with aversion, and too frequently furnishes cause to be remembered by persons of susceptible constitution, who unwarily become exposed to its poisonous influence. The general recognition of its deleterious character is evinced in the application of the names *Poison vine*, *Poison creeper*, and *Poison Ivy*, which are given to it in all parts of the United States.

The Rhus radicans is a pretty common inhabitant of the borders of fields and of woods in most soils which are not very wet. Its mode of growth is much like that of the common creeper, the Ampelopsis quinquefolia of Michaux; and like that vine, and the European Ivy, it would doubtless be cultivated for ornament, were